INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Minerals Management Service Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mary Kendall, Acting Inspector General; and Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

NEW STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the New Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan and developments in U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and ADM Eric Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

POW/MIA RECOVERY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on improving recovery and full accounting of POW/MIA personnel from all past conflicts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles A. Ray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/Missing Personnel Affairs; and RADM Donna L. Crisp, USN, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; and public witnesses.

NEW AGE OF IRREGULAR WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Terrorism and the New Age of Irregular Warfare: Challenges and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing on Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband. Testimony was heard from David Villano, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Development, USDA; Scott Deutchman, Acting Senior Legal Advisor, FCC; Mark Seifert, Senior Policy Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Department of Commerce; Rachelle Chong, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission; and public witnesses.

MAKING HEALTH CARE WORK FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Saving Money, Saving Lives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT CARD HOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT; PAYDAY LOAN REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 617, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1214, Payday Loan Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on the South Pacific Tuna Treaty: Next Steps for Renewal. Testimony was heard from William Gibbons-Fly, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Strategy for Afghanistan: Achieving Peace and Stability in the Graveyard of Empires. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROLS AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Export Controls and Satellite Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY POLICYMAKING

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Policymaking: HSC at a Crossroads and Presidential Study Directive." Testimony was heard from the following former Homeland Security and Counterrorism Advisors to the President: Kenneth L. Wainstein; and Frances Fragos Townsend; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER DEBT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Consumer Debt: Are Credit Cards Bankrupting Americans? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, and the Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a joint hearing on the Public Safety and Civil Rights Implications of State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICES CORPS ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing